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SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE AT ITS MEETING ON THE
24th MARCH 1937, TO CONSIDER
EXCHANGE CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS
OF THE AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th JULY, 1937.

PRESENT:

Sir Osmond E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, (In the Chair)
Mr. Leonard G. Montefiore,
Mr. Otto M. Schiff.
Dr. Bernhard Kahn,
Mr. Adler-Rudel,
Mr. M. Stephany.

Dr. Kahn stated that of the German budget of £137,600, the Council for German Jewry would provide £10,700, the ICA £25,000, and the American Joint Distribution Committee £101,900. Assuming that the whole of the contribution of the Council for German Jewry, plus £5,000 of the ICA'S contribution would be used for Exchange Clearing, there would be available for this purpose, the sum of £117,000.

The Joint had already promised to give £10,000 for the Exchange Clearing cases of the Council for German Jewry and it had been decided that the Committee now sitting should confer with the American Joint Distribution Committee with a view to deciding whether any of the present clearing arrangements being carried out by the American Joint Distribution Committee, should be dispensed with and the money made available for the Exchange Clearing for students and children in England.

During the six months ended 30th June, £21,700 had been used for Exchange Clearing in England, £14,500 for Council cases and £7,200 for Joint cases. During the same period, the Joint had used £16,550 for Exchange Clearing outside England.

Dr. Kahn proposed that for the second six months of 1937 the Exchange Clearing in England should be slightly higher than during the first six months, namely £15,000 for the Council for German Jewry's cases and £8,000 for the American Joint cases

in England. Of the £30,000 required for the Council's cases in England in 1937, Dr. Kahn promised a further £10,000, making £20,000 in all for the year.

The American Joint Distribution Committee already had commitments for £19,000 for Exchange Clearing for the second half of 1937 so that the total amount being used for Exchange Clearing was approximately £80,000.

Taking this amount from the £117,000 which had to be provided towards the German Budget after deducting the IOA's contribution of £20,000 in Germany, there remained a balance of £37,000. Of this amount, the Joint had sent

£10,000 to Germany
7,000 to Haavara Ltd.
2,870
990 for Kosher Meat and
10,000 for Ausssland Hachsharah
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£30,860

This left unallocated the sum of £7,000 and he asked the Committee to decide whether this money should be used for Exchange Clearing or whether it should be held free for any emergency which might arise.

It was unanimously decided that the American Joint Distribution Committee should be thanked for their generosity in coming to the assistance of the Council for German Jewry by providing no less than £20,000 during 1937 towards the exchange clearing for the maintenance of children and students in England.

It was further decided to ask the American Joint Distribution Committee not to use any funds which had not been allocated in any way other than for the Exchange Clearing.

The question of the acceptance of the list of 50 people on the Joint Distribution Committee's Exchange Clearing in England was then considered. It was decided that these cases should be examined and that Mr. Stephany should if possible, take the opportunity of his visit to Paris to discuss these questions with Dr. Meyerheim.

It was also decided to send to the Zentralausschuss a list of 26 cases of children at various schools, which had been brought to the notice of the Council and to ask for any information which they might have on these cases. It was also decided to advise the Zentralausschuss that no further cases could be accepted and that vacancies which might occur in the present Exchange Clearing payments should not be filled.

Dr. Kahn promised to see the American Express Company with a view to endeavouring to find out how many cases they had been carrying through in various countries.

Council for German Jewry: Minutes. 7 July 1937. TS Archives of the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief, 1933-1960